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SUBJECT: INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF UNSCR 1747  
AND IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS ON IRAN -- UAE

REF: SECSTATE 37801

Classified By: DCM Martin Quinn, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On March 25, DCM delivered reftel non-paper and copy of the resolution to MFA Acting U/S Tariq Al Haidan who opined that while it was a good thing that the sanctions presented a unified approach from the world community, he very much doubted that Iran would be moved in a positive direction. Al Haidan, a Farsi-speaking veteran diplomat with 10 years service in Tehran, said he thinks that Iran believes the U.S. is "in a weak position in the region" and thus will absorb the pain of successive waves of sanctions before resolving to alter its course. He emphasized that, although he has concluded the Iranians are "wrong in their calculation" and that the UAEG will advise them that they are wrong, they will nevertheless try to wait out the Bush administration over the next 2 years.

¶2. (C) Al Haidan noted that the UAEG "will cooperate completely" with UNSCR 1747, just as it has with UNSCR 1737. He added that he hoped Iran would read the resolution text "carefully" and respond "more logically."

¶3. (C) In March 26 meeting with DCM, MFA Director of Organizations and International Conferences, former member of UAE UN Mission, and current member of U.S.-UAE Counterproliferation Task Force, Yacoub Al Hosani, echoed Al Haidan's views and expressed pessimism regarding the likely Iranian response to UNSCR 1747.

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